

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of 2 new members and re-appointment of 8 existing members to the Regional Forest Practice Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each such committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the Board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Private Forests Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three committees.

BACKGROUND

The last reappointments to the regional committees occurred in September and January 2018. The regional committees are set with staggered terms so only one-third of committee members come up for reappointment in a given year. This approach ensures continuity of committee work over time. The Department recently contacted committee members whose terms expire in 2019, regarding their interest in reappointment. Eight members wished to continue on the respective committees. Two existing members of the Southwest Oregon Regional Committee were unable to continue with their previously appointed terms and elected to discontinue their membership. Two new committee member nominations were put forth from the Southern Oregon Area, Darin McMichael, and Mikaela Gosney. There is one vacancy on the Eastern Oregon Regional committee and the Area will be searching for new member nominations.

Attachment 1 shows current members and their term expiration dates. The recommended expiration column shows the term expiration date set to maintain the historic staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends the Board make the following reappointments:

Northwest Oregon Region:

Mike Barnes (Chair)	term expiring September 2022
Tally Patton (p)	term expiring September 2022
Candace Bonner (p)	term expiring September 2022

Southwest Oregon Region:

Eric Farm	term expiring September 2022
Dave Erickson	term expiring September 2022
Garrett Kleiner	term expiring September 2022
Mikaela Gosney	term expiring September 2021
Darin McMichael	term expiring September 2020

Eastern Oregon Region:

Ed Fallon	term expiring September 2022
Paul Jones	term expiring September 2022
Vacant	term expiring September 2022

(p) Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Current Regional Forest Practice Committee Membership
- (2) Biography for Darin McMichael
- (3) Biography for Mikaela Gosney